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Personal Mention

Brother Koontz reports the meeting in this issue to which reference was made in last week's paper, resulting in 16 conversions.

Brother Hamilton will find a man and wife at Salt Lake City, Utah, members of the Brethren church, Lewis Keim by name.

Brother J. H. Swihart requests us to state that he has changed his address from Logansport, Indiana to North Liberty, Indiana.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio has enjoyed a successful revival effort led by Brother White the pastor resulting in six accessions to the church.

Brother Grisso writes, "To Brother Furry's article on 'Preach the Gospel,' in the issue of February 21, I say amen. It is very good."

Brother Keller is doing successful work in his field of labor. He reports three more accessions at one of his appointments, and 18 since February 4, 1901.

At Flora, Indiana, two have been added to the church as a result of a short meeting began by Brother Menaugh and closed by Brother Braker, South Bend, Indiana.

Brother L. A. Hazlett, Elk Lick, Pa., who attended the late Missionary Convention at McVeytown, Pa., continues meetings at that place for several weeks or as long as the interest may justify.

The congregation at Pittsburg, Pa., has lately enjoyed a very spiritual meeting conducted by the pastor, Brother Darling, resulting in 30 confessions. The church in Pittsburg is growing both in numbers and spiritual power. Their new house of worship is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for occupancy some time in May. They have undertaken a great work and should have the help of the brotherhood in meeting the expense involved in the new building.

By reference to the several reports from Nappanee, Indiana, the reader will observe that the meeting conducted by brother I. D. Bowman

closed with 60 confessions. It was a splendid victory for Christ, and the whole church rejoices with the local congregation at Nappanee in this successful effort. During the last year the congregation has added 27 members to its number, and yet is and has been without a pastor.

Brother D. W. Campbell, West Independence, Ohio, by authority of the church makes inquiry for a good evangelist to hold a meeting at that place this spring. Those who have enough spare time to give that congregation several weeks' meetings may correspond with him.

Again Brother Miller comes to the people of Indiana with his appeal for a large collection on Easter Sunday. We trust the highest expectations of the Indiana Mission Board will be realized on the day set for a special missionary collection. We believe that Indiana means to raise the amount decided upon at their last Conference, \$1,000, and that they will.

We acknowledge the receipt of a very interesting letter from brother Thomas F. Keim, Roann, Indiana, whose place of worship is at New Enterprise. He speaks very favorably of the EVANGELIST, and laments that he is not able to do more for the cause which he so dearly loves. We greatly appreciate the good will of Brother Keim. The Lord rewards according to our ability to do, so that whether we do little or much matters not so long as we do what we can. Of Mary of old it was said that she did what she could, and the Lord Jesus very generously approved her act and she was greatly blest.

The Brethren of Conemaugh, Pa., have closed another successful campaign against the saloon of that town. Brother Koontz is the leader of these campaigns and he invariably leads his followers to success. The saloon element is afraid of him, and that is a high compliment to Brother Koontz. It was our privilege a few weeks ago to hear a great preacher preach a great sermon. He made the statement that the gospel fights anything and everything that fights the highest and best interests of man. For that reason the gospel fights the saloon. If the saloon keepers are not afraid of the preacher it is pretty good evidence that he is not making very much of a stir.

Brother Van Buren, Stanley, Wisconsin, reports three accessions in his field of labor. By the way Wisconsin is an open door for the Brethren church, a splendid missionary field and we do well to make preparations to enter in. But where are the laborers? Almost every week calls are coming from new fields, points not yet occupied by the Brethren church, but most of these calls go unheeded for the reason that we do not have the laborers to go out to harvest. How long shall this state of affairs continue? Until Ashland College has an endowment of not less than \$25,000 and our educational work is well established. There is but one way to get workers and that is by training them.

Brother L. S. Bauman is after Mr. Frederic Harrison, a man of culture and keen intellect, but prejudiced against the Christian religion. The statement made in his lecture before the Society for Ethical Culture, the one which Brother Bauman criticises, is absolutely false. The man who undertakes to criticise the teachings of the gospel should at least know what the gospel teaches, and if he does not know he has no right to criticise. Mr. Harrison says: "Why love my neighbor? For fear of God's wrath," replies the gospel. Does the gospel say that? Where? We have never read that statement in the gospel of Jesus Christ

and we have read the four gospels a number of times. Do any of our readers know where that statement occurs? Either we are ignorant of the teachings of the gospel or else Mr. Harrison is, or another explanation is that Mr. Harrison deliberately made a statement which he knew not to be true.

We call special attention to the need of the National Mission Board at this time. Please do not forget that April 1, 1901, the interest on the loan made for the Washington City church building will be due, and to meet the obligations of the Board it will require about \$75 additional. Brother Cassel, secretary of the Mission Board has made but few and these very modest appeals to the church, for the good reason that he knows that the church knows its duty in reference to this work. The support of these missions should not be considered either a burden or a task, but with great joy and pleasure should each member of the church give evidence of his devotion and loyalty to the cause of the Brethren church by lending a helping hand and heart, and liberally supporting its work. We trust the National Mission Board will be the recipient of a very large hearted collection early in April.

Quiet Observer

Many people, especially the young, spend a great deal of life force upon things that are not lasting. There is much in this world that fades; all around we see change and decay. It is a lamentable fact, that immortal souls are wasting life in the pursuit of these passing joys. The girl who ran back into a burning building for a diamond ring demonstrated in an extreme moment what many young women live for continually. The boy who on his deathbed asked for cigarettes is an excellent illustration of many young men.

Oh, that all young people might center their hearts upon the immortal in life. "Riches have wings and grandeur is a dream." The very hours are perishable. Jesus said, "Whoso shall cause one of these little ones which believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea"; which, to use Henry Drummond's fine lines, means "it is better not to live than not to love." The supreme things of life are to love God, to hope and to have faith in Him. Few indeed seem to appreciate the ideal life the teachings of Jesus set forth. The life that is not lived to carry out Christ's plan is not a complete life.

I think of two verses that often come to me in my work. They are:

Who'll press for gold this crowded street,
A hundred years to come?
Who'll crowd yon church with willing feet,
A hundred years to come?
Pale trembling age and fiery youth,
And childhood with his brow of truth,
The rich and poor, on land, on sea,
Where will the mighty millions be,
A hundred years to come?

We all within our graves shall sleep,
A hundred years to come;
No loving soul for us will weep,
A hundred years to come.
But other men our land will till,
And others then our streets will fill,
And other words will sing as gay,
And bright the sun shine as today,
A hundred years to come.

Might it not prove beneficial to ask one's self now